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RELIEF ROUTE MEETING

The Texas Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting on Feb. 18 to gather public input on the proposed truck relief route west of Big Spring.

The meeting will be held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to start at 7 p.m

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

A number of entities will be closed Monday for President's Day Among them will be City Hall, Howard **County Courthouse** and the Howard **County Courthouse** Annex, the Social Security Administration and **Big Spring and Forsan** public schools **Big Spring Post** Office will be deliver ing express mail and P.O. box mail only. Window service will be closed

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer **Trustees** for the Big Spring Independent School District learned Thursday their worries about next year's funding are not going to get any easier.

According to the district's attorney, Kevin O'Hanlon, of the Austinbased law firm O'Hanlon and Associates, the Texas **Education Association is** meeting today to discuss

severe budget cuts in public education for the next biennium.

"They're going to lay out a budget cut plan at the direction of the legislative budget board ... to cut \$1.7 billion out of the budget for the next biennium," O'Hanlon said.

Facing a deficit budget in the billions of dollars, legislators in Austin are scrambling to find a solution to the state's financial crisis.

Rural schools such as

If state funding stays the same as this year, the district will have to slash \$500,000 from **budget**, **Business** Manager Sandra Waggoner told board

members.

BSISD are already facing the same funding ele financial constraints with declining enrollment and the resulting loss of state aid as the populous of bility unless people get Texas shifts toward the Interstate 35 corridor.

If state funding stays reduced. the same as this year, the district will have to slash \$500,000 from budget. **Business Manager Sandra** Waggoner told board members.

"The budget cuts that you are looking at right now I bet are assuming See BSISD, Page 3A

ments that are in the cur rent law," O'Hanlon said. "There's a very real possienergized that those funding elements will be

O'Hanlon added that school districts might see double or triple cuts in state funding at a time when the state is demanding more student expectations from districts.

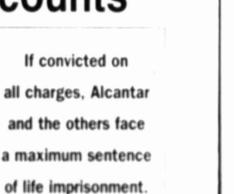
Big Spring man among 29 charged on federal counts

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor A Big Spring man is among 29 people charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana as the result of a major drug ring break up Thursday

Richard Alcantar, 43, was arrested Thursday along with two individu als in Eagle Pass and 10 in San Angelo. Eight others were already in custody and another eight are fugitives. said Assistant U.S. Attorney Tanya Pierce

Alcantar, who was taken into custody by Big Spring police, is being held at the Tom Green County Justice Center in \$485,000 in cash were con San Angelo, where 11 of fiscated. those arrested were to go before U.S. Magistrate Judge Phil Lane of San Angelo this morning. They were all being charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana and related counts of money laundering. "It's an initial appearance before a judge where he will make sure they understand what they are charged with and ask questions to determine their financial situation with regards to being able to retain an attorney. said Pierce. The defendants will then be taken to Lubbock where they will eventual ly appear before U.S. District Court Judge Sam R. Cummings. If convicted on all charges. Alcantar and the others



face a maximum sentence. of life imprisonment Pierce said.

The bust culminated four years of investigation by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. More than 1.500 pounds of marijuana. 11 pounds of cocaine and



BSISD financial woes may worsen

COMING SUNDAY

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Sunday, the Herald will present a tribute to the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, the third segment of a four-part Community Impact Series on the area's law enforcement and emergency response personnel. Join the Herald in honoring the HCVFD's 84 men and women, who routinely risk their lives to help keep Howard County residents and property safe.

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Pucker up! Big Spring Chamber of **Commerce Executive Director Debbie** ValVerde, above. shows off a Valentine's Day balloon arrangement from her husband Larry. Right, Gloria Lopez, an employee of Fave's Flowers on Gregg Street, loads up Valentine's Day bouquets this morning. The florist shop was overflowing with customers trying to place last minute orders for their sweethearts. HERALD photos/Roger Cline and Lyndel Moody



Pierce said a federal grand jury in Lubbock returned the indictments in November and they were unsealed Thursday

According to a press release from the U.S. Department of Justice the organization imported drugs into the United States since 1996. The regional drug smuggling and distribution ring was based in San Angelo and imported both cocaine and marijuana from. Mexico.

defendants. Other include Laura Jane Lee Roy Maldonado. Corona. Anthons Carrasco. Melissa Guerra. Nicholas Hernandez, Sam Ford Williams, Neomi Gonzales, Celia Felicidid

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.ong undecided if he'll run for BSISD seat

By LYNDEL MOODY

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	Big Spring	
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called for the May 3 elec- created minority-majority tion.

"I still have until March to decide," Long said after the BSISD trustee meeting Thursday night. "There's a lot of people who want me to run right now and it's just going to have to take a lot of thought."

Single-member District representation 4, represented by Long, and District 2, the newly

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Festival,

discussed

The group, in a

district, will be the first two elected seats to be phased in under the new seven single-member representation scheme. Approved by the board

in October, the switch from three at-large, four single-member seats to the seven single-member also changed the district boundaries.

they wish to represent and a map of the new district boundaries is available at the district administration office.

The first day to file an intent to run for the school board is Monday, but candidates interested in running for a seat on the BSISD board must wait until Tuesday. The

School board candidates district is closed Monday must live in the district in honor of President's Day.

> Candidates for the **BSISD** board can file at the district's business office, 708 E. 11th Place, from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

> The deadline to place a candidate's name on the

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owntown RA plans bigger, better activities

By ROGER CLINE

of

lunch meeting at Staff Writer Alberto's In their first meet-Cafe, voted to expand ing of 2003, members their Big Spring's event, the Funtastic Downtown Fourth Revitalization from one day to two Association decided days - July 4 and 5 to make their activi- this year. The ties in the new year group bigger and better adding the Colgate than last year. Country Showdown.

"We're excited, we want to energize, excite, and ignite downtown Big Spring and also have the same effect on all of Big Spring." Allan Johnson, Downtown RA president



a country singing excited, we want to contest the group energize, excite, and sponsored last year, to 'the Funtastic Spring and also have Fourth mix, but no the same effect on all decision was made.

"We intend to make last year look like we announced another just barely got started, and this year, the DRA is dis-BOOM!" said DRA President Allan Johnson. "We're

ignite downtown Big of Big Spring.'

Johnson also possible development cussing.

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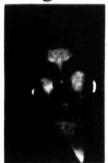
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Obituaries

Virginia Garcia



Virginia Garcia, 56, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the Family Gathering Room with a vigil service at 7 p.m. at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Felix Cubelos, pastor at Scared

Heart Catholic Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on July 27, 1946 in Seguin and married Jesse Garcia. They were married for 36 years.

Virginia had lived in Big Spring since 1987. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother and loved dancing, visiting with friends and family, being outdoors and was a hard worker. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse Garcia; four sons, Julian Olvera and wife Pauline of Seguin, Luciano Olvera and wife Norma of Corpus Christi, Manuel Garcia of Houston and Jesse Varientes of Dallas; two daughters, Mary Garcia and husband Ronnie of San Angelo and Isabel Worthan and husband Dale of Big Spring; her mother, Josephina Varientes of Lamesa; six sisters, Janie Olvera of San Angelo, Julie Cardona of Lamesa, Andrea Zepeda of Tahoka and Mary, Tina and Linda, all of Homestead, Fla.; grandchildren, Isaac Garcia, Christopher and Mekayla Perez, Luciano Ray, Georgia and Jillian Olvera, Adam Colunga, Rita and Matthew; two great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Georgia Garcia, and a grandson, Troy Colby Perez

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Manuela Villa

Funeral services for Mrs. Manuela Villa, 61, of Stanton, were to be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 2002, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father George Thirumangalam officiating. Burial was to follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

A rosary was recited at 7 p.m. Thursday at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel

Manuela was born May 18, 1991, in Stanton and passed away Feb. 11, 2003, in Odessa.

She was a registered nurse.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Santos Villa

Survivors include her daughters, Velma Gonzales Wink and Mary Haumesser of Stanton; a son. Santos Villa Jr. of Stanton; a sister, Eva Orosco of Jal. N.M., brothers Jose Montez and Juan Montez, both of Stanton, nine grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren Serving as pallbearers will be Thomas Gonzales Jr. Thomas Gonzales III. Timony Gonzales, Danny Warner, Jose Villa, Gary Montez, Jesse Montez and Jerry Hinojosa Honorary pallbearers will be Guadalupe Perez and Johnny Villa.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Thursday until 8 a.m. today:

• MICHAEL STEWART DEAX JR., 25, of 707 Creighton was arrested on three local warrants.

• MARCOS MARIN, 19, of 1007 1/2 S. Scurry St. was arrested on a warrant from another agency.

• JOSE EFRIN GAMBOA, 19, of 2911 W. Highway 80 No. 125 was arrested on a charge of failure to identify and on a Johnson County warrant and a Holtom city warrant.

 JAMES SCHUMPERT, 20, of 3222 Auburn was arrested on two capias warrants and a Howard County warrant.

• ASSAULT CAUSING BODILY INJURY and **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** were reported to officers at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The incident reportedly occurred at a school in Big Spring. \$190 damage was reported in the incident.

 ASSAULT CLASS C was reported in the 300 block of East 14th Street, the 1900 block of North Highway 87 and the 1100 block of East 15th Street.

 FAILURE TO GIVE NOTICE OF STRIKING A HIGHWAY FIXTURE OR LANDSCAPING was reported in the 1000 block of South Gregg Street. \$3,000 damage was reported in the incident.

 EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION BY VEHI-**CLE and DISPLAYING WRONG LICENSE PLATE** was reported in the 200 block of West Third Street. BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported:

In the 800 block of West Fourth Street. \$150 damage was reported to an automobile in the area and electronic equipment worth \$600 was reported stolen.

In the 800 block of South Scurry Street. \$100 damage was reportedly done to the structure. \$200 cash and electronic equipment worth \$100 was reportedly stolen in the incident.

· HARRASSMENT was reported in the 200 block of West 15th Street.

 CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 100 block of East Third Street. \$510 damage was reportedly inflicted on a structure in the area.

Lottery

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-7-5

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery: 6-11-22-23-33

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday after noon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-0-5



Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331. ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway 87.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College, HC Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Dance, Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third, 8:30-12:30 Members and guests welcome

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.

American Legion Post 506 will have a fish fry beginning at noon, \$7 per plate, carry outs available and delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3203 W Hwy 80. 263-2084. Everyone welcome

SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

MONDAY

Howard County Archaeology Society meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., Howard County Library Community Room.

The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 47 will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapter House located at Seventh and Abrams.

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Assocaiton will meet Feb. 17 in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom

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Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

VITA Volunteers

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers are preparing income tax returns free for those who would like the assistance.

Volunteers help individuals each Monday through March from 9 a.m. until noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

Those who participate are asked to park in the east lot of the Senior Center.

Needed: Your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W2s, 1099s and other documents showing 2002 income as well as your 2001 income tax return and Social Security cards.

Anyone who cannot come in on Monday mornings or who is handicapped and needs at-home assistance – or, anyone needing further information should call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628

Take note

→ SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209

Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

→ THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which

delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

□ BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the chil-

dren in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

SATURDAY

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at

SUNDAY

8 p.m.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m

□ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

MONDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

□ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ New Voice Club support group for laryngetomees and families. For more information, call $267 \cdot 2800.$

TUESDAY

□ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

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□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

FRIDAY

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 267-6479.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 5To 15 mph.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy and cooler. Highs near 60. Northwest wind10 to 20 mph..Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows near 30.

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s.

Washingtons birthday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the upper60s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms.Lows in the upper 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Thursday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.



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HOUSTON (AP) — On the eve of her anniversary Clara Harris was told to remove her pearl earrings and wedding band so she could be taken into custody after a jury determined she murdered her cheating husband in the parking lot of the hotel where the couple married.

On Friday, Valentine's Day, David and Clara Harris would have been married 11 years.

Jurors convicted Clara Harris on Thursday of murder for running over David Harris with her Mercedes Benz, ending what her mother-in-law described as "a marriage made in heaven." Jurors were expected Friday to begin deliberating

what punishment fit Clara Harris' crime. She faces between five years and life in prison.

Defense attorneys asked jurors to sentence Clara Harris, 45, to no more than 10 years probation. They say "sudden passion" drove the dentist on July 24 when she found her orthodontist husband leaving the hotel with his mistress.

Rural schools concerned about Robin Do

AUSTIN (AP) - Urban Democrats concerned about a GOP-backed plan to eliminate the state's school finance system without a replacement have found some unlikely allies: Republicans who represent rural Texas.

The existing share-the-wealth system is based heavily on local property taxes. It attempts to give all students an equal education by giving schools in property-poor areas money from wealthier districts.

Many wealthier districts, however, have reached the legal tax limit, making it hard for them to raise more money for their schools even as they give \$1.5 billion to the state.

Many lawmakers, mostly Republicans, made campaign promises to eliminate the system, and the state's top three leaders --- Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick

have made the issue a priority.

But lawmakers from big cities and the border area fear a new system could mean less equity for poor districts that now depend on the system known as Robin Hood.

High school cancels Sharpton visit

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - The Rev. Al Sharpton's appearance at a Corpus Christi high school for Black History month has been canceled as a safety precaution after the school received threats.

Sharpton moved his appearance today to The Church of God Pentecostal church, at 2:30.

Aides to Sharpton said the civil rights activist would not be deterred by threats of bombs and other violence that reportedly were telephoned this week to the school and radio stations.

Akbar Muhammad, a local liaison to Sharpton, aid someone representing himself as a m the Ku Klux Klan sent threats to a radio station while he was on the air at a local radio station discussing black history. He said the threats included a KKK demonstration in front of the high school.

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"It's going to real important that each member of this board contact your entire legislature delegation and make it absolutely clear the priority that leave the district behind needs to be placed on public education," he said.

The news wasn't a welcome message for trustees, who learned earlier in the meeting that the district is facing an \$58,000 unexpected increase in insurance cost for this year's budget.

"Last year, we saw a 24 percent increase; this year we have a 35.9 percent increase," said James McFarland, assistant business manager. "I called other school districts and we're doing good. One school district saw a 100 percent increase."

Trustees also,

• Tabled a motion to hire a full-time grant writer, in a 4-3 vote.

"I motion we table this item and consider it during budget sessions in June or July," said Trustee Mike Dawson. "I want to make sure we can take care of our needs and our folks for this year."

BUST

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Pena, Terri Rojas, Jesus Vasquez Montalvo, Juan Roberto Noyola-Munoz and Claudia Saucedo Rena

Others are Garbiela Corina Coronado, Marco Antonio Calderon, Marco Henderson. Antonio Heather Troncoso, Monica Castilleja Sanchez, William Louis Hill, Mary Doris Acosta, Crystal Delacruz, Jesse Dario Vargas, Ivon Trujillo, Elizabeth Marisela Pantino, Jamie Flores Lynn and

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Although not opposed to Lakeview the idea. Dawson said he felt the action comes too late in the year, especially in light of the district's financial concerns.

Waiting until June may on many grants, assistant Superinten-dent Rey Villarreall told the board. Voting for the motion, were Dawson, Kent Sept. 1, Labor Day; Nov. Sharp, Phil Furgueron and Allan Partee. **Opposing it were Terry** Wegman, Long and Irene Bustamante.

Following the meeting, Villarreall thought maybe a compromise could be worked out. • Approved the renewal

on a one-year basis only of all the current elementary, intermediate and junior high principals, assistant principals and the district directors, coordinators and supervisors. The board also approved the extension of contracts for Mike Ritchey, Big Spring High School principal; Dwight for the career and tech-Butler, athletic director; nology department. Villarreall; Waggoner; and McFarland.

· Took no action on a agenda item to install exhaust fans in the Big next year's adopted text-Spring High School and books will be held at 3:45.

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Multi-Agency

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the Bureau of Alcohol.

Tobacco and Firearms;

the Internal Revenue

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Headstart gyms. Several of the trustees said they wanted to revisit the issue during the board's budget study sessions.

• Approved the 2003-2004 school year calendar. School will begin on Aug. 18, run through May 27 and has 178 student days. Vacation days are set for 26-28, Thanksgiving holidays; Dec. 22-Jan. 6, Christmas holidays; Feb. 16., President's Day; March 8-12, Spring Break; April 9, Good Friday; and April 12, Easter. Six staff development days are built into next year's calendar: Aug. 12-13, Oct. 13, Jan. 5, Jan. 26 and Feb. 13.

• Approved amending the budget to include a \$26,325 grant for the accelerated reading Instruction program; entitlement funds of \$47,438 for the special education program; and a \$3,155 Perkin's grant to be used

 Approved a Title VI award of \$83,498.

· Heard that the text book public hearing about

Green County District Attorney's Office, Big Spring Police Department; and sheriff's offices from Schleicher. Crockett, Sutton and Tom

Department; the Texas Contact News Editor Bill Department of Public McClellan at 263 7331 ext. Safety; the U.S. Border 235 or by e mail at news Federal desk@crcom.net

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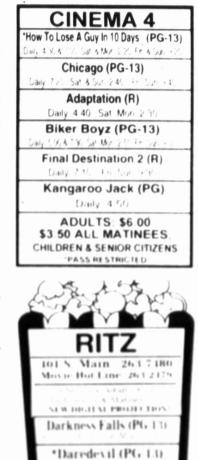


p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, in the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th Place.

• Approved revisions to the district's policy.

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Mary Kelley, chief of staff for the Corpus Christi Independent School District, said some callers made references to the KKK, which is planning a March 1 rally in the area. Kelley said the threats forced Miller High School to declare a lockdown today.

Search for shuttle debris winds down

LUFKIN (AP) - Search teams from several federal and state agencies have arrived in Texas to take over efforts to recover debris from the space shuttle Columbia, giving local crews a break after nearly two weeks of scouring East Texas.

Local search crews in Nacogdoches, Sabine, and San Augustine counties won't be sent back into the fields and forests Friday, county officials said. Most of the shuttle debris has been found in those counties.

Twenty-person Interagency Incident Management teams arrived in Nacogdoches on Thursday. The teams will be mostly staffed by the U.S. Forest Service rangers, but also will include staff from other federal and state land management agencies, said spokesman Frank Beum.

The crews will likely start work Saturday after an additional nine teams arrive today.

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ballot is March 19 at 5 p.m. and write-in candidacy filing ends on March 24 at 5 p.m. Candidates must have

one year of residence in Texas and six months in the school district prior to filing, be 18 years old

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"We also are discussing putting on a musical event - now this is in the planning stages - but we're discussing having a musical event on a monthly basis or maybe even a bi-weekly basis, downtown in the Heart of the City Park," he said. "In other words, giving people a reason to come downtown on a regular

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basis, just sitting back listening to music, having a few food vendors out there, and having a good time.'

The group voted to meet again at 8:30 a.m. Thursday at The Record Shop in downtown Big Spring.

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She makes me feel much like a man. Oh how I long to hold her hand

If I could just win back her heart. I know we'd never be apart.

Her smile, her walk, and her demeanor. I wish today I could of seen her

When she puts her arms around me, and holds me

so tight my head begins to feel so tight

My body begins to shake and tremble, because

this woman is oh so nimble

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"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

 THE HERITAGE MUSEUM, on its best-ever "80 Bites" event, this one being "West Texas Flavors in 80 Bites," as well as all of the chefs and participants.

 THE BIG SPRING SYMPHONY and CHORALE, the BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL MEISTERSINGERS and the ALL-CITY CHILDREN'S CHOIR for a wonderful evening of entertainment last Saturday

ELBOW ELEMENTARY COACH BYRON SEAL, who was named Teacher of the Week

 THE YMCA, on its family oriented Date Night Dance.

 THE PIPELINE GROUP, on its always informative annual seminar on contractor awareness.

eorgi Vins spent most of fifteen years in Russian prisons. He was completing his third five-year

sentence which was to be followed by five more years in Siberian exile when he was suddenly given a suit of clothes, stripped of his Soviet citizenship and sent to the **United States. Bill** Moyers interviewed

Vins. He asked, TEETERS "Your father died in prison, your mother was arrested. You've

spent much of your life in prison. You once wrote, 'Our life has not been given to empty dreaming,' what has it all meant? What do you think this signifies?'

Vins answered. "I do not regret the years I have spent, even the years of suffering. This has been the purpose of my living."

Could such a statement really be true? Does suffering add meaning to life? Robertson McQuilkin writes, "It is suffering and then glory. Not to have suffering means not to have glory." Paul the apostle wrote that the purpose of suffering in his life was "to keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassing great revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh" (1. Cor., 12:7). If I read Paul correctly, I can glean a couple of reasons that might help us deal with suffering.

First, it has something to do with Paul's person "to keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassing great revelations:" Paul had been granted a peek into heaven. He both heard and saw things that were inexplicable. It would have been easy to puff up in pride at being given such privilege. Paul's suffering

would keep that from happening. But let me hasten to ask a question. How many of us are really concerned about being conceited or not? Whether we are or not,

Suffering is not always a bad thing

God is! Leviticus 26:19 says, "I will break down you stubborn pride." 2 Chronicles 26:16 says, "But after Uzziah became power-

ful, his pride led to his downfall." Psalms 31:18 says, "With pride and contempt they speak arrogantly against the righteous." Proverbs 31:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall." Isaiah 31:11 says, "I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless." Do you get the idea that God is serious about controlling our pride?

Winston Churchill had a somewhat gruff exterior. Yet inside he had a tender heart. In the summer of 1941, Sergeant James Allen Ward was awarded the Victoria Cross for climbing onto the wing of his Wellington bomber at 13.000 feet to extinguish a fire on the starboard engine. With only a rope tied around his waist he was able to douse the fire and return to the aircraft's cabin safely. Ward was summoned to the prime minister's residence. Awestruck, he us unable to answer Churchill's questions.

"You must feel very humble and awkward in my presence," Churchill said.

"Yes, sir," mumbled Ward,

"Then," countered the prime minister, "can you imagine how humble and awkward I feel in your presence.

Learning how and when to humble yourself can be difficult but also rewarding.

Paul next explains a second reason that is back of our suffering. It is called pain. Verse 7 of 2 Corinthians 12, concludes, "There was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment

Tis the season for stupidity

very gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed.

killed 13,000 civilians directly and another 70,000 died in the aftermath from no water, no food, no electricity, no medical care, etc. I'd like to get rid of Saddam Hussein myself, but how many lives is it

me." The immediate question that pops into our mind centers on the why of suffering. Though way short of being an expert on the subject, let me offer some thoughts aimed in the direction.

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First, some suffering happens simply because we're human. A good example is seen in the aging process. The older we get, the more we hurt. It's that simple.

Second, some suffering is brought on by our own disobedience. The results of rebellion can be drastic. Warren Wiersbe explains, "In his grace, God forgives our sin; but in his government, he must permit us to reap what we sow.'

Third, suffering can be used to build character. Romans 3:3-5 reads, "We know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character, and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint."

But here's the main lesson we must learn. Whether we like it or not, suffering is a part of life. Therefore, what happens if we ignore the lesson it tries to teach? Let me try and answer with the story of Bob Gross. You probably don't remember Gross, but he played in the National Basketball Association some years ago. Having hurt his ankle, Gross was determined to go ahead and play. The team doctor gave him three injections of a painkiller in different locations in his ankle. Gross played. However, he wasn't in the game long until he battled for a rebound and heard a loud snap. A couple of attempts up the court rendered Gross useless as he collapsed on the court in a heap. His career came to an end. Nobody remembers his name today. He lost his future because he ignored the symptoms of pain in this life. I submit that we must be careful not to do the same in our lives.

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A SMALL PRAYER by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, help us to laugh at our mistakes and enjoy er life with you. Amen

those who are cold and are not clothed." - Dwight

David Eisenhower, April 16, 1953. The news is not good. Osama bin Laden wants us to invade Iraq. We're at orange on the alert code. The economy is tanking. We're spend-

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on the military The president wants a \$674 billion tax cut. In the first year, 50

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percent of that tax cut would go the richest 1 percent of Americans and three-quarters of it would go to the richest 5 percent. In the years beyond that, the concentration at the top actually gets worse, according to citizens for Tax Justice. To pay for that, he wants to raise the rent on subsidized housing for the poorest people in the country and break up Head Start, sending it down to the states, where governments are frantically cutting everything they can. Money to pay for everything from cleaning up Superfund sites. to leaving no child behind is being slashed to pay for this obscene tax cut.

We're about to got to war with a country that hasn't fired a shot at us or anyone else. Our war plan calls for us to "shock and awe" Iraq by smashing 800 cruise missiles into Baghdad in the first 48 hours of the war. That's one every four minutes night and day. According to Harlan Ullman, the "defense intellectual" who advocates the "shock and awe" tactic, it's supposed to work like the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. That worked, all right. During the last Gulf War, we

worth? And do they get to vote on it?

Meanwhile, Al Qaeda - the people who attacked us to begin with are still running around getting ready to deliver "packages." North Korea is busy building nukes. Our allies all think we're wrong, even if their governments have been strong-armed into supporting us. When all your friends think you're about to do something stupid, it might be wise to listen to them.

What passes for diplomacy in this administration is stunning. What in the name of heaven are we doing allowing people like Richard Perle to speak for us? According to UPI, Perle - chairman of the Pentagon's Policy Advisory Board - said Tuesday, "France is no longer an ally of the United States, and the NATO alliance must develop a strategy to contain our erstwhile ally or we will not be talking about a NATO alliance." Do these people know nothing about how dialogue is conducted among civilized nations? Couldn't they at least read "How to Win Friends and Influence People"?

I have news for Mr. Perle. Our allies have democratically elected governments. Their people overwhelmingly oppose this war. What do we expect their governments to do? The antiwar sentiment ranges from 47 percent and rising in Britain (a full 81 percent now agree that a new UN mandate is essential **before** a military attack is launched), putting our friend Tony Blair in electoral peril, to 88 percent against the whole idea in Turkey, where the new government has been literally bribed into going along with us. Who knows what future reckoning it faces at the polls?

ever-tactless Donald Rumsfeld managed to lump Germany with Cuba and Libya. We don't have enough enemies that we have go around insulting our friends?

If 88 percent of Americans were

opposed to this war, do you really

think we'd be doing it? Would you

want us to? Perle also referred to

Germany's Gerhard Schroeder as

"a discredited chancellor." The

We sound just as bellicose and arrogant as the anti-American faction in Europe accuses us of being.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing this week revealed that plans for a post-Saddam Iraq are virtually nonexistent. "Who will rule Iraq and how?" asked Sen. Richard Lugar "Who will provide security? How long might U.S. troops conceivably remain? Will the United Nations have a role? Who will manage Iraq's oil resource? Unless the administration can answer these questions in detail, the anxiety of Arab and European governments, as well as that of the American public, over our 'staying power' will only grow." The Defense Department has been moving troops to the Middle East for months, but it opened an office of postwar planning only three weeks ago.

And for a final piece of bad news to complete your day, the antiwar movement has disgraced itself by refusing to allow Michael Lerner, the editor of the intelligent (and very liberal) Jewish magazine Tikkun, to speak at the San Francisco peace rally this Sunday. Lerner was blackballed by the most left-wing of the four sponsoring peace groups, something called ANSWER, for being "pro-Israel."

I am completely disgusted. Why should there be any ideological litmus test for being antiwar? Why isn't the peace movement looking for as broad a coalition as possible? This seems to be the season for stupidity.

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TO THE EDITOR: Some 58 years ago, a young U.S. Marine lieutenant waded ashore on the black coral sands of a tiny Pacific island. He dodged enemy fire, dug in and later advanced and was able to witness an American flag raising that

YOUR VIEWS

Should you run into him at the post office or the supermarket why not extend your hand and give today. A church-goer at our him a word of thanks. Harold Davis has "paid his rent" for his existence First Baptist Church. A respected member of our Big spring community, he is Col. Harold Davis, formerly of our U.S. Marine Corps. on this earth. In my books he is a true hero. Somewhat older,

with lower back problems, Col. Davis remains one of our true heroes and we all owe him our sincere thanks for his 'bit" during World War II.

today

AL SCOTT **BIG SPRING**

is now as famous as mom's apple pie. This young man, a few years older, is still with us

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CHURCH **NEWS**

First United Methodist Church

On Sunday, Feb. 16, come and hear Pastor Dave Ring deliver his (Part 2) message from **Epistle Scripture Text 1** Corinthians 13, " For Lovers Only." The first worship service begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and the second worship service at 10:50 a.m. First The United Methodist Church basketball team will have a game at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17 at the First Baptist Church. Also on Monday, at 7 p.m.. "Singles Fun Night" will be ongoing at our church in Garrett Hall. For additional information contact Jackie Henry at 263-1749.

United First The Methodist Church of Big Spring will host a noon on Time Prayer Thursday, Feb. 20 and a morning Prayer Time on Friday, Feb. 21 at 7 a.m.

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served at 11:30.

Howard County

Retired Teachers

The Big Spring-Howard

County Retired Teachers

Association will meet

Monday, Feb. 17, in the

Cactus Room at Howard

College. Lunch will be

Teon and Kelly Wana

will speak on Chinese

All retired school per-

New Year traditions.

Additionally, there is a set for 4 p.m., Sunday, noon Bible Study every Feb. 23. Wednesday in Garrett

Hall. The Bible study is open to the community for a great time of food and fellowship. The cost of the lunch is \$2 and the study usually lasts approximately 25 minutes.

Kid's Club meets on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Children's Day Out is on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. For more information please call Loryne Colette 267-7511.

First United Methodist Fourth Church is located at 400 a Lancaster Scurry. For more inforin the fellowship hall. mation on any of the programs, call the church office at 267-6394.

First Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring, 701 Runnels, invites the public to an organ concert on the mighty Read Memorial Organ, presented by our director of music, Michael D. Mitchell. Works by Sowerby, Widor, Brewer, Johnson and Bach will be presented. The concert is LOCAL

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Pastor Havener will be

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8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast Saturday Feb. 15, starting at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

The Inquirers' Class is on Wednesday, Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m. in the library...

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001

South Goliad.

St. Paul

75 years young. He has been in the ministry for 50 years, preached more than 12,000 messages from the pulpit, on radio, TV, missions crusades and You are invited to come

St. Mary's Episcopal Church tion.

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's this Sunday. Morning Prayer will be at

Lutheran Church You can still join the "Bringing Up Boys" seminar! Join us on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the St. Paul

Lutheran fellowship hall. Free to the community. This seminar is produced by Focus on the Family Ministries and Dr. James Dobson. Please call 267-7163 for more informa-

First Baptist Church

located in the basement. CLUB The general public is invited to attend. **NEWS**

Howard County Archaeology

Society

The Howard County Archeological society is proud to announce that Mr. John Yates, Texas historian and archaeologist will speak on the famous Comanche War Trail. The program will be presented on Feb. 18 at p.m. in the Community Room of the Howard **County Library**

Admission is free

sonnel and invited to ... Disabled American Veterans, Chapter

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to go to DAV District I Convention in Amarillo, March 28-30.

TOPS TX 21, **Big Spring**

Donna Menges opened the meeting with prayer when TOPS TX 21 met on Monday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehab Center, 306 W. Third

The TOPS pledge was led by leader Hughetta Roberts, followed by the singing of the fellowship song led by Shirley Jenkins.

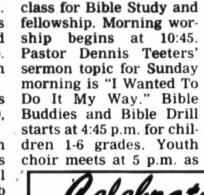
Cherry Sechelski was the TOPS best loser and of the three KOPS presementhere was one turtle and 2 schall gains

During an awards ceremony, Linda Schmidt was

You are invited to come on eating due to feelings instead of hunger. We are to identify our eating triggers: 1) social eating

eating around others. 2) emotional eating - eating in response to our feelings such as depression. situational the opportunity is there. 4) thoughts - may be result negative thoughts of about oneself. 5) physiological - response to physical ills.

For more information concerning TOPS, a weight loss support group, call 1-800-932-8677 or locally 263-0391 or 263-1758.



to First Baptist Church

this Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

and join a Sunday School

well as "Old Testament Survey" and "What Did Jesus Say About That?" classes taught by our pastor and youth director, Dr. Jeff Donnell. We'll meet again for evening worship at 6. Pastor Teeters' sermon topic is "The Profit of Problems." For more information

concerning our church, call 267-8223.

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Kay Smith will be the guest demonstrator at this month's meeting of BSAA. She will the demonstrate a watercolor technique from Japan called Yupo.

The BSAA will meet at 7 p.m. on Feb. 18, at the Howard County Library in the Community Room,

To My

Sweetheart

Happy Valentines Day!

Veterans, Chapter 47, will hold its business meeting on Monday, Feb. 17, at 6 :30 p.m.

The Chapter House is located at the corner of Seventh and Abrams. Auxiliary Unit 47 meets at the same time and location

On the agenda will be the election of delegates

awarded a charm for six weeks consecutive loss and a charm for the first 10-pound loss.

Mrs. Menges then gave two readings, one entitled "God's Promise" and the other, "Should I, Would I, Could I."

Carol Smith presented the program, "Emotional Eating," which focused

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Friday, February 14, 2003

By TOMMY WEL

Sports Editor

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: jmoseley@crcom.com

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DeMay hurls 2-hitter at Northwestern Colorado

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Freshman pitcher Jennifer **DeMay and shortstop Bianca Paz** gave Howard College head softball coach Dawn Wuthrich the best Valentine's Day gift imaginable Thursday afternoon – a real gem.

DeMay tossed a two-hitter and Paz pounded out a pair of home runs and helped led the Lady Hawks to a 9-1 rout of Colorado Northwestern

University at Foundation Field. In all, HC touched NWC pitchers for four dingers.

The win sends the Lady Hawks into today's opening round action of the Midland College softball tournament sporting a 3-4 record for the year.

DeMay was almost untouchable off the mound. The former El Paso prep standout allowed Northwestern just two hits in the contest while setting down nine batters via the strikeout.

Paz, a former Las Cruces stand-

out, highlighted the Lady Hawks' offensive effort. She went 2-for-2 in the contest — both hits were homers — and drove in two runs. Kortney Kemper also carried a big stick for Howard College. She had three hits in the game, including a homer.

Freshman Angela Piper and Zera Trevino also contributed to the Lady Hawks' power game. Piper belted the team's fourth homer of the evening and helped Howard roll to a run-rule victory. Trevino went 2-for-3 from the Midland College.

plate in the game.

Howard College is scheduled to begin pool play this afternoon in Midland. The Lady Hawks, who played Vernon Regional Junior College at 11, a.m., will play Western Oklahoma at 1 p.m. and Northwestern Colorado at 5 p.m.

Championship round action in the Midland College tournament is slated to begin Saturday morning.

Howard College next home game will be Feb. 18 against

Forsan will face Jim Ned Saturday at 'The Dorothy'

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

It seems like ages have past since the Forsan Buffaloes have found themselves holding a ticket to the state basketball playoffs.

Just how long has it been? Consider this, the last time Forsan ventured into the post-season, current FHS stars Wes Longorio and Brent Huff weren't even in junior high school yet. They were still running around the playground as elementary students.

That fact will become a part of history tomorrow night when Huff and Longorio lead the Forsan Buffaloes into their first post-season game since 1997. The Buffs will face the Jim Ned Indians in a playoff warm-up game beginning at 6 p.m. in Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"We're excited about being where we are," said Forsan head coach Terry McDonald. "We think we deserve to be here. The kids have worked very hard this year and it's paid off.

The game will pit two of West Texas top Class 2A teams. Both Forsam and Jim Ned captured their respective district titles this season.

IN BRIEF

Coaches needed for Coahoma LL season The Coahoma Little

League baseball program is in need of coaches for the 2003 season. Persons interested in coaching a team should sign up at Coahoma the Community center by Wednesday, Feb. 19, or call Tessa Reid at 394-4563 or Jill Ringener at 270-4563 or 263-2789.

The last day for signing up is Feb. 19.

Coahoma LL sign-up set for Feb. 24-25

Youngsters interested in playing on a Coahoma Little League team this year can sign up at the ball park from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 24-25, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Coahoma Junior High School gymnasium.

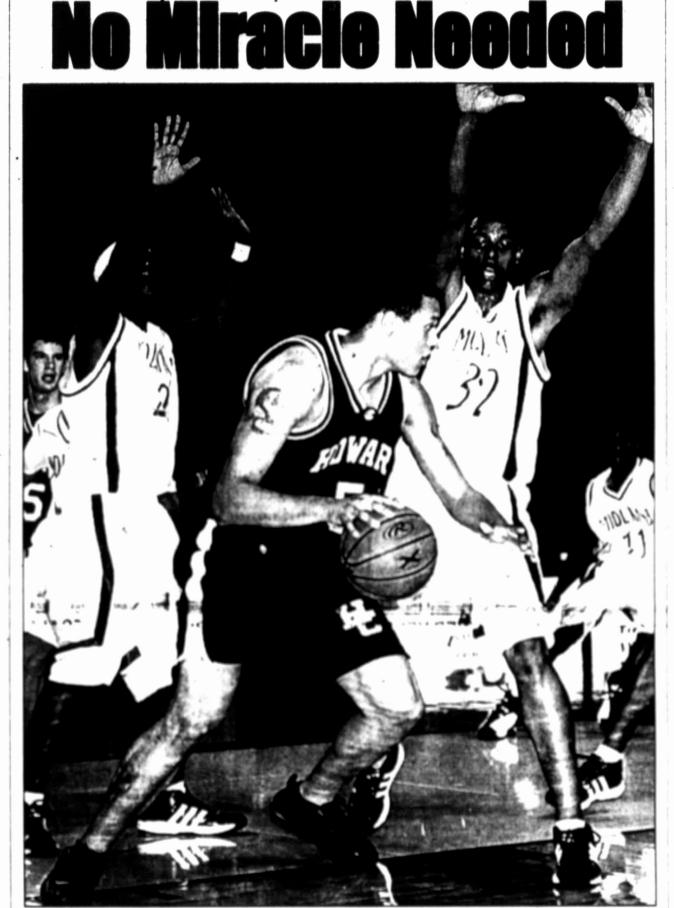
A coaches' clinic for all area Little League coaches will be conducted by Howard College's Brett Smith at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. A fee of \$15 will be charged for all coaches not from Coahoma.

Country club slates 4-person scramble

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22-23, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fee will be \$75 per player plus cart fee, but private casts are welcome.

Each player's entry fee includes the cost of



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Freshman Jon Sykes attempts to dribble past Midland's Robert Sevalia (left) and Englebert Cherrington after pulling down a rebound in the early moments of the second half. The Hawks stretched Midland's losing streak to eight games with a 65-62 win.

Fears' late trey helps power **Hawks past Midland College**

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

MIDLAND — Through the first 39 minutes of Thursday night's showdown with the Midland College Chaparrals, the Howard College Hawks could score from the inside and convert the the short jumpers but somehow, some way, the 3-point shot eluded them.

The Hawks managed to sink just one of their first 10 3-point attempts over the first 39 minutes. Then, when they needed it most, Jared Fears came up with the bomb that ended the Chaparrals hopes of ending an 8game losing streak in front of a large home crowd in Midland's Chaparral Center.

Fears buried a 3-pointer from the corner with 12 seconds left in regulation to help spur the Hawks to a 65-62 win.

The 3-point shot was a major turnabout for Fears. Prior to sinking the game-winner, the sophomore guard had committed two turnovers that had enabled Midland to stage a late rally and pull to within two, at 60-58, with 1:28 to play.

"He went from goat to hero pretty fast," said Hawks' head coach Chris Jans. "I'm proud of him because a lot of kids would have gone in the tank and not have done anything positive after that. For him to step up and hit a shot like that when we needed him most it's a good representation of the type of kid he is.

The Hawks seemingly had the game well in hand with three minutes to play. Vas'shun

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The Lady Hawks show their frustration after dropping a 83-70 decision to Midland College.

Lady Hawks' upset bid falls short in Chap Center

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

MIDLAND - Pranksters would probably find it hard to pull one over on Howard College Lady Hawks head coach Kevin Bucher these days. He's seen it all in a season that has left his team looking like the Rodney Daingerfields of collegiate The latest chapter in the Ledy Hawks'

The Buffaloes, who have been ranked among the state's Top 20 for much of the year, head into the contest as the District 3-2A champion. Overall, Forsan is 23-5.

"We wanted to make sure we played a good, quality team since we were going to be off for a week," said McDonald. "And they (Jim Ned) are certainly a good, quality team."

Jim Ned, the District 9-2A champion, is 28-3 and has won its last 10 straight games. The Indians were ranked as high as No. 5 in the state polls this season.

Tickets to the contest are priced at \$3 per person. All tickets will be available at the coliseum.

The Buffs are scheduled to open the state playoffs next week against either Ozona or Alpine

Sevey wins heavyweight accolades at Greenwood

Coahoma's Sammy Sevey was one of the top powerlifters at the recent Greenwood Powerlifting Invitational meet. The Coahoma standout won the Super Heavyweight division by turning in a stellar effort.

Sevey hoisted a combined total of 1,385 pounds in his three lifts.

Teammates Brandon Hart and Chris Beck placed third and fifth, respectively, in their weight classes. Hart recorded a total mark of 1,075 pounds. Beck upped a total of 945.

Coahoma standout Mitchell Gutierrez was fourth in the 123-pound division with a total of 700 pounds. Dusty Martin, Zack Phillips and Nathan Sellars all turned in solid efforts in the 198-pound division, while Antonio Gonzales and Kasey Huckabee did well in the 148pound ranks.

The Coahoma powerlifting team is scheduled to return to action next weekend at the Lubbock Invitational **Powerlifting Meet.**

Hawks to host Odessa this afternoon in baseball

The Howard College Hawks will host the Odessa College Wranglers today and tomorrow at Jack Barber Field. The doubleheaders will begin at noon each day.

Due to repairs being made at Odessa College's field, the games were changed. The outfield wall at OC's home field blew over during recent high winds, forcing Wranglers' officials to shuffle games until repairs are completed.

The Hawks will travel to Odessa on March 21-22.

barbecue on the course both days.

Play will begin with a shotgun start both days. The field will be flighted by first-round scores.

For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354

Clay shooting event slated for Stanton

The Fourth Annual Albertson's Clay Shoot will be held March 21 22 at Windwalker Farms in Stanton.

The event will consist of four-person teams using Lewis Class scoring.

For more information contact 1-915-570-0172.

Women's softball tryouts set for Feb. 16

Tryouts for the women's softball season will be held this Sunday at the Cotton Mize softball fields. **Everyone** is welcome to attend the tryouts. The tryouts will be

held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 16.

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Texas Tech coach poised to capture career win No. 500

LUBBOCK (AP) - In another her." season, reaching 500 wins might be celebrated as quite an accomplishment.

But for Texas Tech women's basketball coach Marsha Sharp, it's not even the biggest milestone in her conference. Or in her own home arena.

Sharp's feat is dimmed by the recent spurt of coaches reaching 800 wins. Tennessee's Pat Summitt, Texas' Jody Conradt and Texas Tech men's coach Bob Knight have all done that within the past month.

Sharp got win No. 499 when Tech beat Texas A&M on Wednesday night. Her first shot at 500 comes Saturday when the Lady Raiders play at Baylor.

"Obviously it's a neat thing for her to be able to do," Knight said. "I think everybody (at Tech) would be very pleased for

Compared to what her peers have done, Sharp said 500 doesn't seem "like such an aweeome thing."

"But at the same time, I don't want to discount that milestone because there have been so many people involved in it," she said, referring to assistants, administrators and players. "To think about an entire group making that kind of a commitment over a 20-year period of time is special to me."

Sharp played for the nationally known Flying Queens at Wayland Baptist University in Plainview before getting into coaching. Her laid-back demeanor, warm and friendly personality, and basketball savvy have helped propel her to the top level of her profession. No. 7 Tech (20-2, 9-1 Big 12)

already has notched its 14th consecutive 20-win season and is hoping to win a second national championship. The Sheryl Swoopes-led 1993 team won the first.

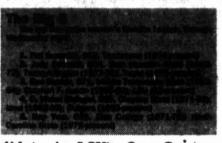
Sharp already has earned a spot in the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville, Tenn. She'll be inducted in May.

Now in her 21st season, Sharp, 50, intends to keep coaching as long as it's fun.

"I hope she stays around for her to coach my kids," said Natalie Ritchie, a Lady Raiders player.

As for reaching 800, Sharp would need about 12 1/2 more seasons at her career average of 24 wins a year.

Summitt and Conradt would love to have company in their 800 Club. The next likeliest can-



didate is LSU's Sue Gunter, who is at 671.

Conradt's Lady Longhorns were the dominant force in the Southwest Conference until Sharp brought the Lady Raiders to prominence. They've maintained a friendly rivalry, with Conradt getting career wins Nos. 500 and 800 against Sharp.

"It's made my job a lot harder since she's established such a powerhouse in Lubbock," Conradt said. "It's really great for our sport to have a program like Marsha's established at

Texas Tech to set a standard, to have everybody out there looking to see what's happening on the national level with Tech and hopefully other programs in our state." Sharp said that when she

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leaves coaching, she doesn't want the number of victories to define her careér.

"There's no way that the number of wins will be important, only from the standpoint that you hope it made a lot of people successful and a lot of people proud," Sharp said.

Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said great athletic programs that sustain success over many years are the result of strong leaders.

"That's the case with Marsha," he said. "She deserves the credit for creating this program and sustaining it."

WOMEN

Continued from Page 1B Lady Chaps rallied to claim an 83-70 victory in the Chaparral Center. It was clearly a game the women could have won. Howard College forced

17 turnovers and led much of the contest.

The Lady Hawks, courtesy of strong starts from Belqui Guardado, Alecia Humphries and Traci Hemphill, rolled to a quick 9-6 lead. Desire Bostice boosted the Lady Hawks' lead to 11.7 with 11:48 left in the first half by turning a pass inside from Alexis Britt into a short baseline jumper.

Midland College hit stride from there. The Lady Chaps 18-7 run over the ensuing six minutes and grabbed a 25-18 lead. The Lady Hawks refused to go quietly though. Brittani Calhoun, Hemphill and Bostice engineered a 6-0 HC run late in the half that cut Midland's lead to one, at 25-24, with 2:32 left.

The Lady Chaps closed out the first half with a 6-2 run and took a 33-26



Howard College guard Eddie Starks attempts to drive inside during the second half of the Hawks' WJCAC win over Midland College Thursday night. The 12th-ranked HC men improved to a league-best 24-2 record with the win.

HAWKS

Continued from Page 1B Newborne sank a 6-footer

ing Fears didn't give the Chaps another chance from there. After burning 30 seconds of the shot clock, Fears took a pass from Je'Kel Foster in the

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was whistled for travel- Fears, who finished the

lead -into the intermission.

Howard College, which fell to 10-17 for the year and to 1-8 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, staged another rally in the opening minutes of the second half. The Lady Hawks keyed by 3-point shots from Britt and Guardado

started the frame with an 8-0 run and took a 34-33 lead with 18:24 left.

outscored Midland Howard by a 50-36 margin over the ensuing 18 minutes to cement to contest.

The Lady Hawks are scheduled to return to play Monday when they host New Mexico Junior College in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

from the baseline with 2:53 to give Howard a 10point lead, at 60-50.

Midland rallied back. however. The Chaps' Thomas Allen-Onger provided the spark Midland, accounting for 8 straight points over a 1:07 span.

Allen-Onger opened the run by burying a 3-point play at the 2:37 mark. Less than a minute later. he added a pair of free throws and then another trey to cut the Hawks' lead to 60-58

Midland College had a chance to tie the game seconds later. After an HC turnover. the Chaparrals took the ball downcourt and drove to the top of the key before drain a 3-pointer from the baseline. Chaun Brooks sealed the contest seven seconds later by successfully converting two free throws. The evening didn't get off to a strong start for the Hawks. Midland College sank two quick 3-point shots and bolted to an early 10-2 lead. The Hawks, who

enjoyed a solid performance inside from Gabe Johnson, managed to battle their way back over

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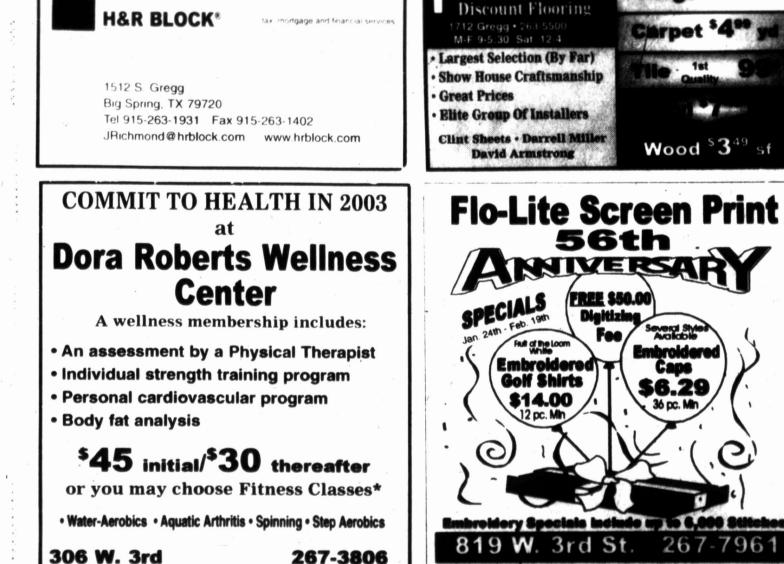
game with 16 points, sank a pair of attempts from the charity stripe at the 5:16 mark to pull the Hawks into a 26-26 tie.

Minutes later, he pulled down a Sevalia miss and raced the length of the floor for a layup that gave the Hawks their first lead of the contest at 32-30.

Fears' layup came with just 56 seconds remaining in the first half.

Johnson finished the game with 16 points. while Brooks added nine. With the win, Howard College improved its season record to 24-2 and improved to 8-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action. Midland fell to 10-13 and 2-8.

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FW coach celebrates breaking win record

FORT WORTH (AP) -As Robert Hughes was being honored Thursday for becoming the nation's winningest high school basketball coach, he looked at the clock and abruptly stopped his speech. He was late for practice.

"I've got to get to practice," Hughes said, walking briskly toward the door. "I've got to get the hell out of here."

So much for celebrating his 1,275 victories. The only thing that matters now to the Fort Worth Dunbar coach is getting ready for the next one.

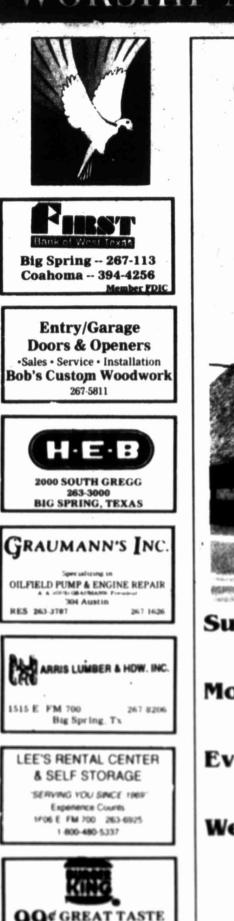
About 100 teachers, administrators, former players and dignitaries attended a reception to honor Hughes, who became the nation's winningest coach when Dunbar (30-1), the topranked Class 4A team in the state, beat Fort Worth Polytechnic 71-62 on Tuesday night.

Before realizing he was already 20 minutes late for his team's 4 p.m. practice for which he is religiously early and would never allow a player to be tardy _ Hughes had been recalling his early days of coaching in the late 1950s and telling stories that prompted many laughs.

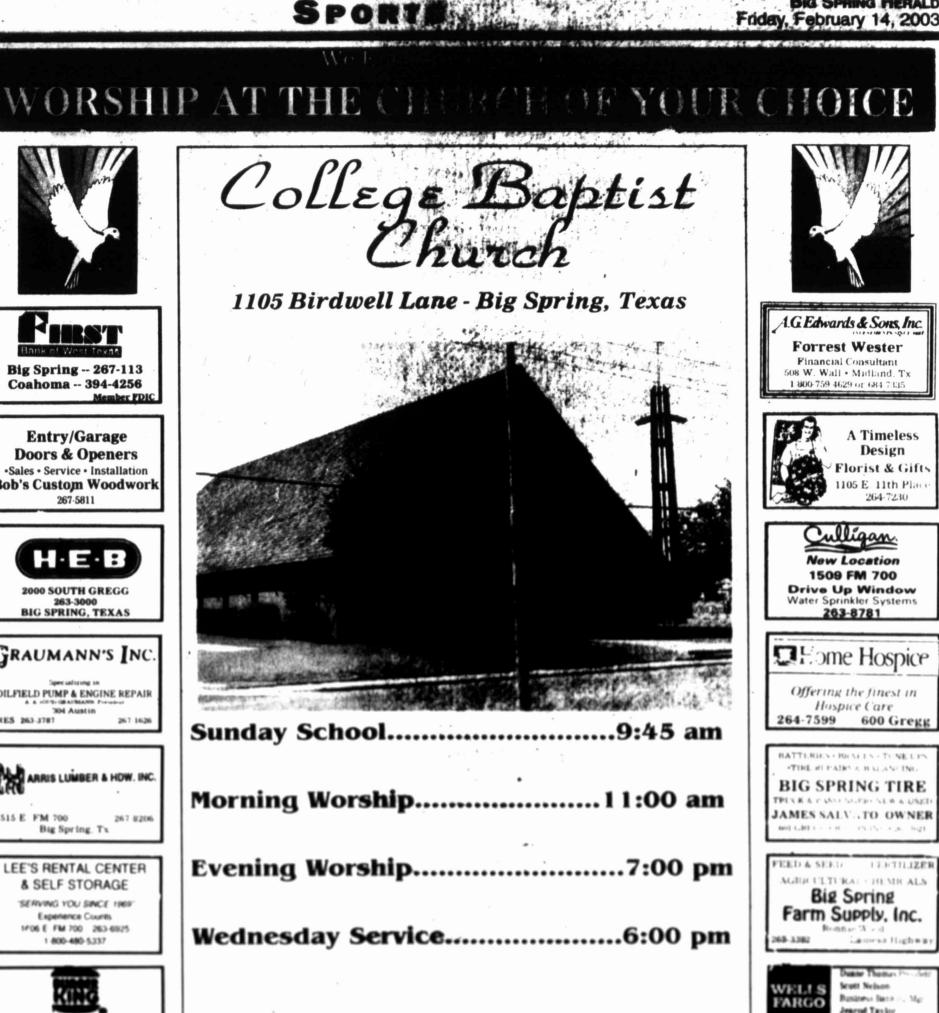
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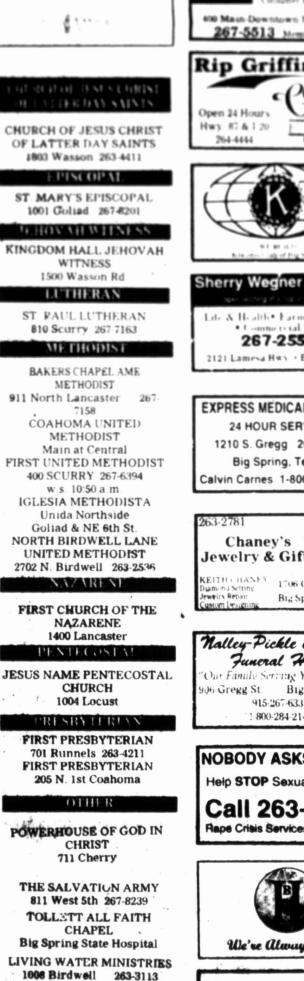
"I've had all kinds of benefits. I'm blessed, and I know it," said Hughes, 1,275-248 overall in-his 45 seasons. If it gets any better than this, I'll needsome tranquilizers."

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crowd at TCU's 7,200-seat coliseum for Tuesday's record-breaking game, which had been moved from a city gymnasium to accommodate the expected large crowd. That was about three times as many people as attended TCU's game the following night.

Since then, hundreds of fans and former students have called and U.S. Rep. Martin Frost congratulated Hughes during remarks to Congress on Wednesday morning. Dunbar High's booster club sold out of its 200 Tshirts emblazoned with Hughes' picture and record, and has ordered 800 more.

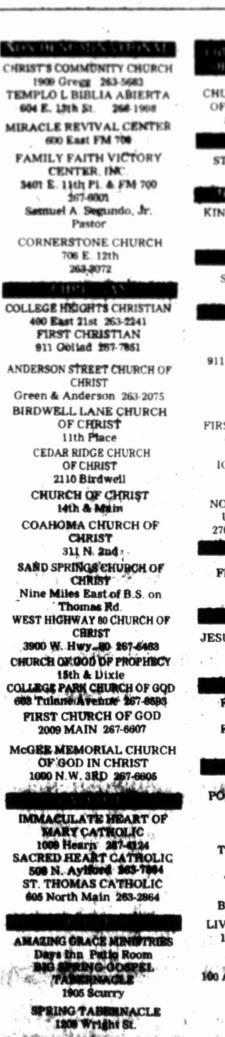
Hughes broke the record that had been held by Morgan Wootten, who retired in November with a record of 1,274-192 and no losing seasons in 46 years of coaching at DeMatha High in Hyattsville, Md. The two coaches had traded the record in the mid-1990s.

Two years ago, the 71year-old Wootten became just the third high school coach inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

The closest person to Hughes and Wootten in the record book is Ralph Tasker of Hobbs, N.M., with 1,122 wins, but he retired in 1998 after 57 years of coaching. The closest active coach to Hughes has 1,100 wins, and no one else has more than 1,000.

This is his 36th playoff team, but the last of Hughes' four state titles - and the only one since coming to Dunbar in 1973 - was 10 years ago. He has had just one losing season, but even that team went to the playoffs. Hughes arrived at Dunbar in 1973 after coaching 14 years at I.M. Terrell High.

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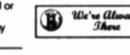
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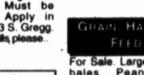
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through letting others play

their cards first, you'll gain.

Consider and delight in

your many options this

year. Be sure confusion is

eliminated in conversations

and decisions. Read con-

tracts extremely carefully.

If you are single, you could

fall in love easily, though

when the haze lifts, you

might not like what you

see. Keep on trying, as

you're slated for a special

bond this year. If you're

attached, learn to allow

your partner to have

greater say in what hap-

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The Stars Show the Kind

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Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April

19) **** Extremes mark all

your relationships. You

might think you're the

stimulus, but, actually, oth-

ers just might be acting out.

Go off and enjoy yourself.

Know that everyone doesn't

have to agree with you.

Whatever you do, do so

because you want to.

Tonight: Have a sponta-

TAURUS (April 20-May

20) **** Understanding

takes you to a new level.

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Horoscope

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in charge could make all the difference in your judgment. Do you find that this person is unclear? Look at him or her as somewhat of an idea person. You'll understand him or her better this way. Tonight: Happy at home. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Keep reaching out, thinking through a decision that helps you head in a new direction. Creativity needs to come into play when making plans. Break out of the mold. Do something a bit different. Speak your mind when asked a question. Don't push too hard. Tonight: Out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Deal with a vague partner or loved one. You might need to ask for some support and help. On the other hand, you might be the one acting as an anchor. Do what you must to reverse a situation or change directions. Indulge both yourself and someone else. Tonight: Your treat. LEO (July 23-Aug.

22)***** You're personality opens up new doors, allowing you to head in a different direction. You find someone's feedback to be instrumental. This person has a more universal way of looking at issues. Express your happiness and upbeat personality. Know that anything is possible. Tonight: Whatever makes you

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ** News filters in, even if you decide to isolate yourself. Key into a project, understanding that this is what you want. You don't have to answer calls or do anything specific. Take your time with a friend who asks for advice. One-on-one relating brings understanding. Tonight: Make mystery OK.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Question what would make you content. Friends happily join in, because they agree and want to be part of the action. Don't say "no" to an invitation. You could be surprised at how much fun you will have. Let go. Check in on a friend; stop at a favored spot. Tonight: You are the party. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** You're inspired. Others appreciate your suggestions and work with them. You might not see that you're doing something differently, but others do. A must appearance draws new acquaintances. Network and party away. Others naturally join in. Tonight: Accept an offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Take your time with someone at a distance. What feels like a gut feeling or comes through like a sixth sense needs to be honored. You could be delighted by what happens. Distance yourself from someone you don't "get" or understand. Tonight: As

"Love is when Mommy

vou like it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Carefully review what is happening on the home front. You might not be exactly sure what is comfortable for a close friend or partner. Ask rather than assume. You might be delighted, as well as your friend. Flow with the moment. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Without realizing it, you inspire others. Listen well to feedback from a child or partner. You find that this person has much to offer. Together, take off and make the most out of the moment. Your playfulness speaks for itself. Let it all hang out. Tonight: Ask and expect to receive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Start a project, but don't be surprised if you suddenly become scattered. You have less control than you realize. Not everything is as it seems. Ask more questions. Someone's feedback proves instrumental Listen, especially if his or her thoughts ring a bell Tonight: Don't push your self

BORN TODAY

Comedian, actor Chris Farley (1964), astronomer Galileo Galilei (1564). actress Jane Seymour (1951)

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Readers: Happy Valentine's Day to our read ers, especially our veterans in VA hospitals, and our servicemen and women at home and abroad. Bless you all

Dear Annie: A friend sent me this via e-mail, and I thought you might print it for Valentine's Day. It's a series of quotes from children about what love means to them. Please tell me you will put it in your column Chícago Gal

Dear Chicago: With pleasure. We searched high and low for the person who com

gets in the way. gives Daddy the best piece of chicken. "Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty, and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford." "Love is when a puppy

check on my son's behalf. claiming he was disabled.

I have been divorced from this man for 17 years. Jeremy sees his father on the weekends, but I have sole custody. My son has no reason to be receiving Social Security. When Jeremy contacted his father about the check, his dad told him that the folks at the Social Security office made a mistake and that Jeremy is owed some money from the govern ment. He wouldn't say why

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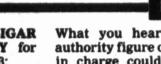
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Annie's Mailbox

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piled this list, but came up empty. The quotes are adorable and perfect for Valentine's Day. From the mouths of babes . . . here is the list:

A Child's Definition of Love

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne, and they go out and smell each other

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis, too. That's love.

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth.

"Love is when you go out to eat and you give somebody all of your french fries without making them give

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT EXCEL ENERGY COMPANY P.O. Box 258. Coahoma. TX 79511 is applying to the Railroad Commissi on of Texa for a permit to inject fluid into a tion which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to nject fluid into the San Angelo Clearfork TL &M Co -C- Wel lumber 15 The propose njection well is located 5 Mil-Southeast of Coah in the Snyder rield, in Sec. 17, Blk 30 TLS, T&P RR Survey County. Fluid will be injecte into strata in the subsurface th interval from 2650 2900 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY Chapte 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the de Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submit ted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the tion, Oil and Gas Division, Iroad Commission of Texas P.O. Box 12967. Ca on, Austin, Texas 78711 me 512/463-6792 901 February 14, 2003

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"Love is when someone hurts you. And you get so mad but you don't yell at them because you know it would hurt their feelings.

"Love is when Mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him to make sure it tastes OK.

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening the presents and listen.

"Love is when you tell someone something bad about yourself and you're scared they won't love you anymore. But then you get surprised because they not only still love you, they love vou even more.

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day.

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep every night." "Love is what you first

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE Pursuant to Chapter 59. Texas Property Code American Self Storage which is located at 3314 E FM 700. Big Spring TX 79720 will hold a publi auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien Sale will be t 11 00 o'clock A M or Feb 22, 2003 at 3314 E FM 700. Big Spring, TX 79720 Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash Deposit for removal and cleanup may be temporarily required Seller reserves right to not accept any bid and to withdraw propfrom sale Property in each space may be sold item by-item in batches, or by the space Property being sold includes contents in spaces of following tenants, with brief description of contents in each space TENANT'S COMPLETE Purchasing Agent, 111380 Airpark Drive East, Bidg, #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the NAME as shown on renta agreemen CHRISTINA GONZALES General Description of property Dressers, Small Bed, TENANT'S COMPLETE AME as shown on renta agreement: SALLY SCHUMPERT **General Description of** property: Miscellaneous Household the right t any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities. TENANT'S COMPLETE NAME as shown on rental LUTHER TURNER property Refrigerator Miscellaneous

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smile even when you are tired.

licks your face, even after

you left him alone all day."

"You shouldn't say I love

you unless you mean it. But

if you mean it, you should

Dear Annie: I just received an invitation to a wedding and was told that the bride and groom have registered, not only for dishes and linens, but also for their honeymoon. This way, guests may purchase part of it for the couple so they can have a nicer trip than they otherwise could afford. I have even discovered a few Web sites that encourage honeymoon registration, making it seem perfectly fine. Tell me, Annie, is this really proper for a wedding gift? - Texas Invitee

Dear Texas: No. It's tacky However, it is also gaining in popularity, so don't expect the idea to vanish anytime soon.

Dear Annie: I have been dating "Derek" for eight years. During that time, we have set quite a few wedding dates, but at the last minute, Derek always finds some reason to change our plans.

Last week, Derek insisted on setting another wedding date, but from the way he is behaving, I believe he is going to flake out on me again with some other lame excuse. I know I should say that it is now or never, but he is good to me, and I love him. How can I get him to do the deed? -- Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Memphis: Derek either is suffering from a bad case of cold feet, or he has no intention of getting married. Perhaps he believes if he keeps making promises, you will hang around. (It has worked so far.) Decide which is more important, Derek or wedding bells, because you are not likely to get both.

Dear Annie: About a week ago, I received a letter from the Social Security office, stating that it didn't have my 17-year-old son's correct address in order to send him his \$12,000 check. I didn't know anything about it. When I called the Social Security office. I found out that "Jeremy's" biological father had applied for the

checking account in my son's name, and I assume he is planning to forge my son's signature in order to deposit the checks into this account. My ex says it's none of my business.

Is Jeremy's father doing something illegal? Can this hurt Jeremy down the road? My stomach is in knots. Please help. Disgusted by the Scam Artist

Dear Disgusted: If your ex-husband is applying for. and receiving, Social Security benefits that Jeremy is not entitled to, he is in violation of the law. It is also against the law to open a checking account in someone else's name in order to cash their checks without their consent. Do NOT let Jeremy deposit any of these checks. Notify the Social Security office that your son may be receiving checks to which he is not entitled. Let the authorities handle it from there.

Dear Annie: I'd like to offer a suggestion to "No Long John Silver in Hartford, Conn.," whose sister's parrot, "Truman,' refused to be caged. Truman's owners ought to potty train the bird. Parrots are extremely intelligent, and this task is easily accomplished. However, it is unacceptable to allow Truman to eat at the table. Having watched parrots eat for a number of years now. I'm convinced their purpose on earth is to throw food out of the trees so that the scavengers on the ground can eat, too. -- The Real Long John Silver

Dear John: We received quite a few suggestions about Truman. Most told us that the owners should invest in bird diapers and products that will clean up whatever the bird leaves behind. We also discovered vou can purchase costumes for your parrot, including a tuxedo, complete with top hat and a cane. We're plotzing.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

"Is it against the law to be the Valentine of two different girls?"

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People In The News

By The Associated Press

GRANVILLE, Ohio · Jazz singer Bobby McFerrin doesn't get nervous any more before a gig because he doesn't worry any more about what the audience is expecting.

"You're successful every time you perform, because everybody is moved - one way or the other," said McFerrin, participating in an artist-in-residence program last week at Denison University.

McFerrin said he came to the university, about 25 miles east of Columbus, because he likes being in situations where he doesn't know what he's going to do. McFerrin, best known for his 1988 pop hit "Don't Worry, Be Happy," said his favorite performances have been the results of surprises.

Jane Fonda withdrew her \$12.5 million donation to the Harvard Graduate School of Education, derailing plans to establish a research center to study gender in education.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FIRST?

SOMETHING CROOKED

Fonda will withhold the balance of her donation, roughly half, and the unused portion of her initial contribution will be returned to her. School officials declined to say how much of it is left.

The Boston Globe quoted unidentified Fonda associcist. ates as saying the actress was frustrated with the university's handling of her 2001 bequest, the largest single gift in the graduate school's 83-year history. She felt the school was retary. being slow in finding someone to head the center, the newspaper quo as saying. But a school spokesman, Margaret Haas, described the relationship between Harvard and Fonda as "very cordial." MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) · The man who plays the president on television is

backing an ex-governor who wants to be president.

MAY I HAVE THE

Actor Martin Sheen, who portrays President Josiah **Bartlet on NBC's "The West** Wing," endorsed Democrat Howard Dean last week when Vermont's former chief executive dropped by the set · on location, by the way, in Washington.

Sheen thinks Dean is "the best possible hope for the Democrats because he's not afraid to lose," said Glennis Liberty, the actor's publi-

"People are familiar with the show: a New England governor whose wife is a doctor. That is our story line," said Susan Allen Dean's campaign press sec

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BOSTON (AP) · Actress

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